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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 0406

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT EG  
SUBJECT: PALESTINIAN STUDENTS STIR TROUBLE ON CAIRO CAMPUSES

1. DIRECTOR OF CAIRO SECURITY TOLD AMBASSADOR JANUARY 8 THAT, AS ANTICIPATED BY POLICE, THERE HAS BEEN STUDENT TROUBLE ON CAIRO CAMPUSES SINCE NEW YEAR. PALESTINIAN STUDENTS SEEM CHIEFLY RESPONSIBLE FOR EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE VIOLENT ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIONS AT CAIRO AND AIN SHAMS UNIVERSITIES. AFTER INITIAL FAILURES, PROVOCATEURS MANAGED TO START SCUFFLE AT AIN SHAMS JANUARY 6. POLICE INTORROGATIONS REVEALED (ENTIRELY PREDICTABLE) INFORMATION THAT PFLP AND MARXISTS WERE BEHIND INCIDENT. GOE COMPLAINED TO PLO OFFICE, WHICH DECLINED ALL RESPONSIBILITY. THREE PFLP STUDENT DETAINEES WILL BE DEPORTED.

2. SECURITY DIRECTOR ADDED THAT TWO POSSIBLE FLASH POINTS COMING UP: NEXT WEEK IS ANNIVERSARY NASSER'S BIRTH (WHICH COULD BE HANDLE FOR NASSERIST DEMONSTRATION) AND FOLLOWING WEEK IS ANNIVERSARY OF MASS STUDENT STRIKE OF FIVE YEARS  
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AGO. SECURITY DIRECTOR NOTEBK  
FIIP THESE MOST RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS WAS THE HIGH ELEMENT OF FEMALE STUDENTS INVOLVED, WHO, HE OBSERVED, SEEM TO HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE VANGUARD OF THE MARCHERS.

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT AWARE, JANUARY IS TRADITIONALLY MONTH FOR STUDENT PROBLEMS IN EGYPT. FRESHMEN HAVE BEEN POLITICIZED,

ACTIVISTS HAVE HAD TIME TO ORGANIZE, WEATHER IS NOT TOO  
HOT AND EXAMS NOT DUE TO BEGIN UNTIL FEBRUARY. PALESTINIAN  
STUDENTS IN EGYPT, AS EVERYWHERE ELSE IN ARAB WORLD, ARE  
MOST EFFECTIVE AND ACTIVE STUDENT ORGANIZERS. PARTICULAR  
ACTIVISM BY PALESTINIAN WOMEN MAY BE NEW TO EGYPT'S SECURITY  
DIRECTOR BUT WE DOUBT IF THIS PHENOMENON ASTONISHES EMBASSY  
BEIRUT. STRICT GOE MEASURES AGAINST PALESTINIAN REJECTIONISTS  
HAS BEEN SADAT'S POLICY SINCE OCTOBER WAR. (PFLP REPS, FOR  
EXAMPLE, WERE NOT PERMITTED ENTER EGYPT FOR JULY 1974 PNC.)  
SINCE SECURITY DIRECTOR TELLS US ONE OF STUDENT CHANTS  
WAS TO BE "NO GOING TO GENEVA", FIRM GOE MEASURES ARE  
PARTICULARLY UNDERSTANDABLE.  
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